(b) whether the tribunal has been given a period of three years to complete its work, with a two year grace period; and

(c) if so, how it reconciles with the projected inter-linking of the country's major rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The Central Government decided on 23rd August, 2003 for constitution of a Tribunal under Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 for adjudication of the dispute relating to Krishna waters. As per the said Act, the Tribunal shall consist of a Chairman and two other Members nominated in this behalf by the Chief Justice of India from among persons who at the time of such nomination are Judges of the Supreme Court or of a High Court. The Chief Justice of India has been requested to nominate suitable serving Judges accordingly. The Act also provides that the Tribunal shall submit its report within three years of its constitution, which can be extended for further period of two years. The Tribunal will adjudicate the issues raised by the basin States in their complaints.

Loss to lives and properties by surplus water

†1526. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many rivers in the country cause tremendous loss to lives and properties every year during the rainy season by surplus water;

(b) if so, the details of such rivers and the average loss of lives and properties caused thereby every year; and

(c) the States affected by the losses caused by the said rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some rivers in the country cause loss to lives and properties during the monsoon season. These are Ganga and its tributaries; Brahmaputra and its tributaries; Subarnarekha; Baitarani; Brahmani; Mahanadi; Godavari and Narmada. State-wise list of average damages caused by floods is given in the enclosed Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise average flood damage during 1953 to 2002

Sl. Nos.	Name of State	Area affected in m.ha	Population affected in million	Damage to crops		Damage to houses		Cattle lost nos.	Human lives lost nos.	Damages to public utilities in Rs. Crore	Total damages crops, house & public utilities in Rs. Crore
				Area in m.ha	Value in Rs. Crore	Nos.	Value in Rs. Crore				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.300	1.704	0.211	72.060	95714	19.467	28164	308	97.234	203.887
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.006	0.019	0.003	1.565	339	0.045	505	3	6.924	8.363
3	Assam	0.893	2.5	0.225	40.075	66949	7.053	10692	39	20.55	67.678
4	Bihar	1.35	6.615	0.62	82.618	150904	28.93	857	134	37.315	148.863
5	Goa	0	0.001	0	0.003	2	0.001	0	0	0	0.035
6	Gujarat	0.313	1.846	0.206	11.12	40253	7.095	13260	139	19.549	37.764
7	Haryana	0.168	0.454	0.109	12.871	29409	2.649	154	10	2.459	17.968
8	Himachal Pradesh	0.077	0.721	0.063	35.814	3342	9.628	748	38	33.815	79.257
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0.028	0.149	0.024	6.328	6742	4.167	4120	30	10.402	20.897
10	Karnataka	0.049	0.123	0.038	6.723	9873	2.134	459	21	8.802	17.617
11	Kerala	0.166	1.892	0.059	40.448	36314	11.905	1040	57	94.018	143.43
12	Madhya Pradesh	0.038	0.298	0.02	2.928	14439	0.541	2326	26	0.905	4.305
13	Maharashtra	0.04	0.301	0.036	4.083	24357	2.43	1765	82	9.121	16.557
14	Manipur	0.012	0.045	0.006	1.671	2074	0.117	138	1	0.648	2.434
15	Meghalaya	0.004	0.321	0.004	2.834	78	0.022	210	2	1.896	4.752

16	Mizoram	0.108	0.002	0	0.483	111	0.126	0	1	0.094	0.701
17	Nagaland	0	0.003	0	0.188	24	0.009	0	0	0.354	0.642
18	Orissa	0.447	2.449	0.282	11.867	70869	3.456	3856	35	66.42	58.988
19	Punjab	0.239	0.576	0.162	26.157	56263	11.959	2876	58	25.628	63.744
20	Rajasthan	0.295	0.643	0.172	14.35	25486	7.363	7972	43	17.62	39.333
21	Sikkim	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.398	410	0.052	88	5	1.862	2.312
22	Tamilnadu	0.041	1.063	0.032	5.647	47590	2.725	1395	49	17.016	25.388
23	Tripura	0.027	0.099	0.007	1.915	3890	0.423	433	4	1.021	3.330
24	Uttar Pradesh	1.986	7.618	1.105	146.252	260307	34.153	1641	290	69.345	249.75
25	West Bengal	0.818	3.565	0.27	72.546	243816	33.748	10894	162	23.661	129.955
26	A & N Island	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.007	5	0.008	1	30	0.002	0.016
27	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Delhi	0.009	0.038	0.003	0.522	1362	0.098	13	1	0.623	1.343
31	Lakshadweep	0	0.001	0	0.002	6	0	0	0	0	0.002
32	Pondicherry	0.002	0.012	0.001	0.596	27.66	0.135	15	1	0.917	1.648